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The portraits in words were inspired by a series of questions and engaged class discussions around the idea of what motivates us to feel and act in various ways? A model, like a coat hanger, was supplied, but this class used it or departed from it, on the helium of their own imaginations, and their refined sense of how to make images with words.

Author and illustrator Eric Carle inspired these carefully crafted self-portraits by the third grade. Each student painted many large and small pieces of paper with skin, eye, hair and lip color. Students then carefully built their faces cutting, gluing and taping together shapes. Mirrors helped students look for the unique properties of their own face, while Eric Carle illustrations helped them keep in mind that not everything had to be perfect!



Playing game cube with my brother
makes me jump for joy.
Going to Argentina makes me jump for joy.
Sleepovers and play dates with my friends
make me jump for joy.
When I jump for joy, I'm crazy.
When I jump for joy, I'm a sugar powder
missile.
When I jump for joy, I'm excited.
When I'm performing, I'm nervous.
When I'm doing homework, I wish I didn't have it
and I could watch T.V. and relax.
When I go to school I feel tired.



Alejo



What makes me jump for joy
is a super-sized ketchup bottle.
What makes me jump for joy is to be a wizard.
What makes me jump for joy is the power
to use the force.

What makes me cry for sadness is when
my fish dies.

What makes me cry for sadness is when
people make me feel very bad.

What makes me cry for sadness is when
people make fun of what I like.

What makes me grind my teeth in anger is
when I tell people to do something and they
don't do it!

What makes me grind my teeth in anger is
when people tease me a lot.

What makes me grind my teeth in anger is
when people get mad at me so darn quickly.



Carlo



Animals make me jump for joy.
Family makes me jump for joy.
Camping makes me jump for joy.
Ribs make my mouth water.
Performing makes my eyes tear up.
Seeing my dog get bitten makes me hang
my head in sadness.
When I jump for joy, I am a
hyperactive horse.
When I jump for joy, I am an
exploding firecracker.
When I jump for joy, I am a
shooting arrow.



Clio



Singing makes me jump for joy.
Acting makes me jump for joy.
Being with family and friends makes me jump
for joy.

Seeing my mom cry puts me in tears.
Seeing my sisters sad, makes me curl up
and cry.
Seeing my mom trying to work, makes me
cry as if I'm a baby.
(I don't know why, but it does.)

When I jump for joy I'm a grilled cheese
sandwich being grilled!
When I jump for joy I'm like a smiley face
with no eyes, just a smile!
When I jump for joy I'm like a firecracker
that hasn't exploded and it's about to!



Dana

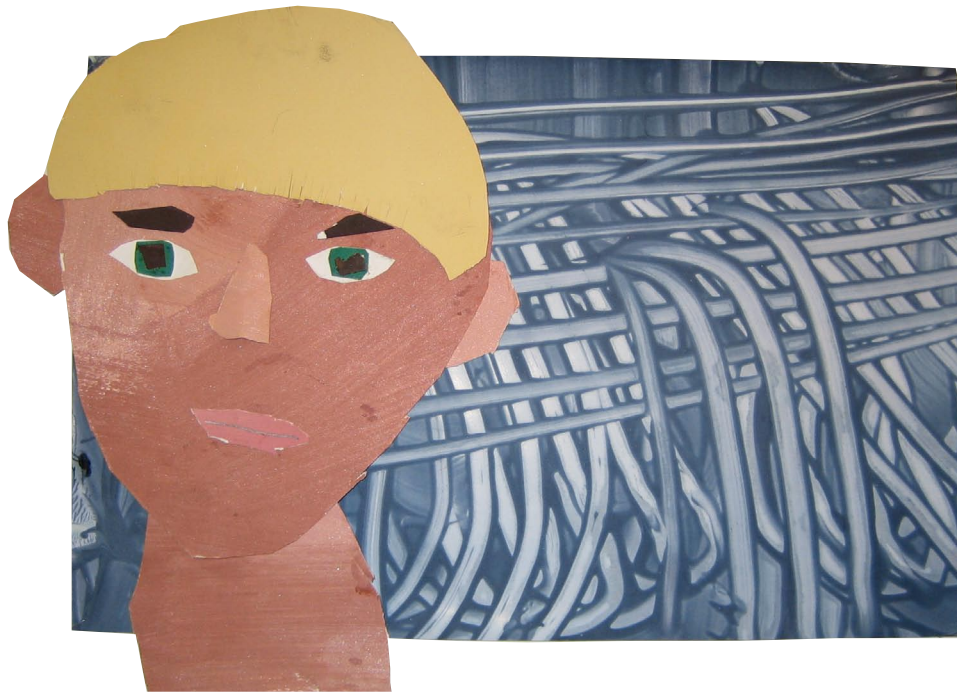


Legos make me jump for joy!
Inkheart and *Inkspell* make me jump for joy!
Candy makes me jump for joy!
Death makes me leap with fright.
Porta-potties make me hold my nose
with discusion.
Getting out in handball makes me stomp
my feet in anger.

When I jump for joy, I am a rocket on
its way to Mars.
When I jump for joy, I am like a babysitter
getting paid.
When I jump for joy, I am a doggy
wagging its tail.



Ethan



Utah makes me jump for joy. Rides make me jump for joy.
Food makes me jump for joy.
When I jump for joy, I'm an exploding rocket.
When I jump for joy, I'm a floating baleen.
When I jump for joy, I am a jumping jack rabbit.
When I go to baseball games, it makes me want to run and jump.
When I play sports, it makes me want to run and jump.
When I fish, it makes me want to run and jump.



Harrison



Getting a toy makes me jump for joy!
When I jump for joy, I am a firecracker
exploding.
My lizards dying makes me want to curl up
and cry.
Going on a fishing trip makes me jump for joy!
Eating candy makes me jump for joy!



Helena



Squishy marshmallows

make me jump for joy!

My friends and family make me jump for joy!

When someone very important to me dies,
it makes me want to lay my head down
and cry.

When people are mean to my friends, or me
it makes me want to hit them.

When I don't pass a very important test
it makes me want to curl up in my parents'
arms and cry like a baby.

When I jump for joy, I am like an alarm clock
ticking very fast and then the alarm goes off
with a loud DING!!

When I jump for joy, I am like a bomb
exploding with laughter!

When I jump for joy, I feel like a balloon
that bursts with a loud POP!!



Isabel



Food makes me jump for joy!
Games make me jump for joy!
Cousins make me jump for joy!

My parents punishing me
makes me get upset,
like Linus losing his blanket.
I have a good day
and then someone ruining it
makes my head drop down
like a dogs ears.
When my sister does something
and I get in trouble for it,
it makes me want to get revenge
like Anakin.

When I jump for joy I am
Tom Edison's brain
coming up with an invention.
When I jump for joy I am a general
winning a battle.
When I jump for joy I am



Jess



My family makes me jump for joy.
Chocolate makes me jump for joy.
My friends make me jump for joy.

My fish dying makes me want to curl up
and cry.
Someone being mean to me makes me cry.
The cookies being gone makes me go to my
room and cry. (Not really.)

When I jump for joy, I am a rocket ship
taking off.
When I'm sad and crying my eyes are like
waterfalls.
When I jump for joy, I am a hyper,
jumping monkey.



Katrien



My birthday makes me jump
for joy. Winning a soccer game makes me
jump for joy.
Concerts make me jump for joy.

People lying to me makes me want to
hit them.
Something I make for someone makes me
squeeze my fists with excitement.
Ghosts make me cry in fright.

When I jump for joy, I'm a rabid skunk
attacking.
I'm a volcano erupting.
A rocket exploding.



Lucie



Lego's make me jump for joy!
Bionicles makes me jump for joy!
Skateboarding makes me jump for joy!
Death makes me sad.
Getting out in a game makes me sad.
People going down in the goonshnaka
makes me sad.
When I jump for joy, I am a pencil lead
jumping out of the pencil.
When I jump for joy, I am some ketchup
flying over the room.
When I jump for joy, I am a bull
charging for the blanket.



Mikey



Pizza makes me jump for joy.
Gorb makes me jump for joy.
CDs make me jump for joy.

Rainforests getting cut down makes me lie down and whimper.
Global warming makes me lie down and whimper.
My dog dying makes me lie down and whimper.

When I jump for joy I am a dog having a birthday.
When I lay down and whimper I am like a piece of paper on the ground.
When I jump for joy I am like a train that traveled from China to the US.



Nico



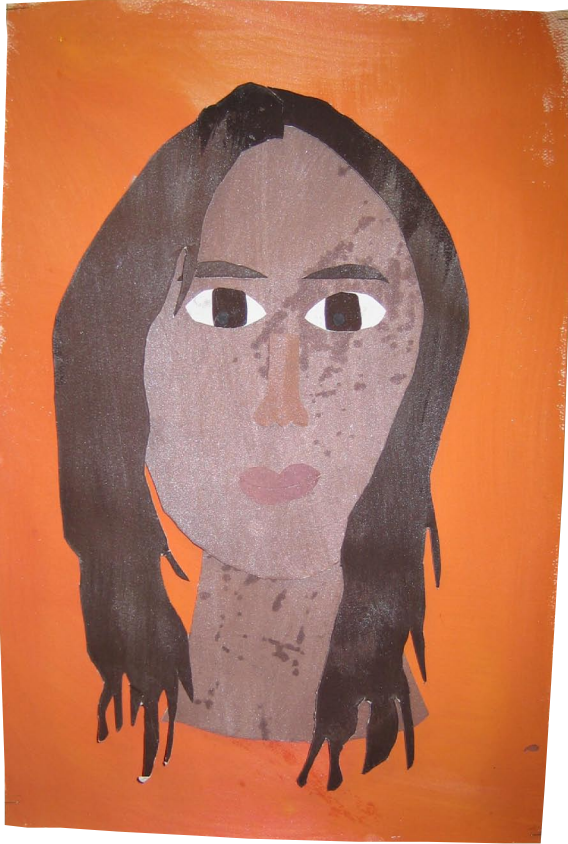
Cousin Brandon makes me
jump for joy.
Archery makes me jump for joy.
Hatchet, the book, makes me jump for joy.

My dog makes me lie down and cry.
Breaking my legs makes me yell
like a monkey.
Smelling a stinky toilet makes me want
to fart.

When I jump for joy, I am a rocket flying
over the empire state building.
When I jump for joy I spring, shoot
into outer space.



Reese



Cute dogs make me jump for joy!
Rich books make me jump for joy!
Ice cream makes me jump for joy!

Sad movies make me turn my head
so no one sees me cry.
Having a good friend move makes me
want to wrap my arms around her.
Being blamed makes me turn my head
with shame.

Reading something I love makes me
turn my back on the world.
Playing basketball makes me
hold my head up and concentrate.

When I jump for joy, I am the sun
coming out on a cloudy day.
When I jump for joy, I am like tulips
popping out of the dirt for the first time.
When I jump for joy, I am a baby bird
seeing the world for the first time.



Sophia



Purple makes me jump for joy!
Homemade ice cream makes me jump for joy!
Clio, my best friend makes me jump for joy!

When people are mean it makes me really
annoyed!!

When some one I know dies it makes me
cry like a baby.

When someone hurts my feelings at school,
it makes me feel homesick.

When I jump for joy, I am like a tornado.
When I jump for joy, I'm like a hyperactive
monkey.

When I jump for joy, I'm like a dog that
just saw a cat.



Talia



Gaming systems make me
jump for joy!
Remote control things make me
jump for joy!
Lego's make me jump for joy!

Breaking a bone makes me
put my head down in sadness.
People whispering at me makes me sad.

When I jump for joy, I am like
a bomb exploding.
When I jump for joy, I am like
a rocket launching.



Troy



Go carts make me jump for joy.
All gaming systems make me jump for joy!
Remote control gas trucks make me jump
for joy!

When people tease me, I want to go to
the corner and sit and cry.
When I fall off my bike, it makes me cry like
I'm in pain.
When I get banned from my Playstation 2,
it makes me want to whine and slam the
door in my room and play Gameboy.

When I jump for joy, I am a guy that just
had too much sugar and wants to run all
over the house.
When I jump for joy, I am a hyper dog
screaming all over the park.
When I jump for joy, I am a crazy lion
trying to charge for a deer.



Tucker

Tanya makes us jump for joy!



Tanya

Artists' Biographies



Alejo Perez-Stable

I, Alejo, was born in San Francisco at 6:07 pm on May 16, 1997. My brother, Yaul was four years old and now is twelve years old. My Mom is named Claudia and my Dad is Eliseo. One of my favorite activities is playing basketball.



Carlo Ceballos

Hi! I'm Carlo Ofrecio Ceballos, but you can call me Kung Fu Hustle boy. I was born at Seton Hospital, Daly City, California, North America, Earth, Milky Way on May 12, 1997. My dad works with computers, my mom is a dentist and my brother is in college. I like to eat ketchup, I love playing drums, I like running around for no reason, I like going to my kung fu classes and I always feel hyper.



Clio Gevirtz

My name is Clio Delp Gevirtz. I was born in San Francisco, California on April 6, 1997. I have a Mom named Susan, a Dad named David, and a Step Mom named Marta. I have two cats named Sabrina and Shylo. I also have a dog named Zeus. My favorite thing to do is to go biking. I also like to go horseback riding.



Dana Austin-Sockwell

My name is Dana Raquelle Austin Sockwell. I was born in San Francisco, California on February 12, 1997. My family is sooo cool, like once my Mom was mad and my sister Rayn made her laugh and my Mom fell down laughing! My favorite activity in school is poetry. My favorite activities on weekends and outside of school are soccer and basketball. I also have three amazing sisters. They're all very supportive and very encouraging. When I feel sad they are always there to cheer me up. I think I have the greatest sisters ever!



Ethan Lampert

My name is Ethan. I was born in San Francisco, California, on September 28, 1996. I have a Mom named Susan, a Dad named Mark, and an eight-year-old sister named Nina. My Dad gets very annoyed about the game Tally Ho! I love building Legos and playing sports in my free time.



Harrison Froerer

My name is Harrison James Froerer. I was born December 14, 1996. I was born at Primary Kid Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. My Dad loves water-skiing and snow skiing. I love biking, golfing, camping, fishing, and playing baseball in the summer. I like to swim in Utah.



Helena Poolos

Hello my name is Helena Poolos. I was born on February 12, 1997. My family is nice and I really like my brother as a friend. My favorite activity is art. I also like making paper hats.



Isabel Honig Schroedel

My name is Isabel Honig Schroedel. But my nickname is Marshmallow. I was born at 7:23 am on September 19, 1996 in San Francisco, California. My name is Isabel because my Great Aunt's name is Isabel. I have two Moms, Dale Schroedel and Lisa Honig. I do not have a Dad. My favorite activity is talking, but I also like to read and write. I really like Harry Potter too.



Jess Hagler

My name is Jess M. Hagler. I was born in San Francisco, California, at CPMC on July 17, 1996. I have a five-year-old sister named Elle, a Dad named Steve and a Mom named Julie. I have nine cousins and only one of them is a boy. My favorite activity outside of school is having play dates, another is attacking my sister.



Katrien Van Riel

My name is Katrien Semon O. Van Riel. You can call me "Kitty." I was born on September 13, 1996. I'm nine years old. I have four people living in my house, my Mom, my Dad, my sister Julia, and me. Julia is very cute, but aggressive. I call my Dad "Papa" instead of "Dad." My favorite activity outside of school is to play my gameboy. I also like to play hide and seek.



Lucie Rosenfeld

My name is Lucie Bryn Rosenfeld. My birth date is October 24, 1996. I was born in San Francisco, California. In my family I have a Mom named Erin, a Dad named Howard, a dog, a tortoise and an eleven-year-old sister named Zo, who likes to read. At home, when I have free time, I like to be energetic. I like to skateboard, jump, do flips, play on the computer, do sports and do arts and crafts. I am very, very, very energetic.



Michael Alexander

My name is Michael. I come to this planet in peace. I was born on May 8th at the UCSF hospital in California on Earth. I have six members in my family: my dog Mick, my cat Sophie, my brother Daniel, my Dad Paul, my Mom Diana, and myself. My favorite activities are skateboarding, being crazy, weird, strange, hyper and playing legos. I love ketchup.



Nico Pryor Alcantar

My name is Nico F. Pryor Alcantar. I was born on August 2, 1996 at Kaiser Permanente Hospital, San Francisco, California. My Mom's name is Letecia Alcantar, my Dad's name is Virgil Pryor, my brother's name is Lucas McKnight Pryor Alcantar, my abuelita's name is Demetria, and my dog's name is Lucy. She is a black lab. My favorite thing to do out of school is to go to Noah's bagels, get a wacky package, then go to Reese's. My favorite thing to do is play with legos, go to Reese's and drink Jamba juice.



Reese Fong

My full name is Thomas Reese Fong; in Chinese it's Fong Toe Ming. I was born in San Francisco, California at 8:30 a.m. on August 8, 1996. I have a sister named Deanna/Pinky, and I have a mom and a dad. My favorite thing to do is to go fishing with my dad and my dad's friends. My other favorite thing to do is to dive.



Sofia Colosimo

My name is Sofia Zosima Colosimo. I was born on June 28, 1996 in Manila in the Philippines. When I was in the Philippines my name on my passport was Lika. My family has a child, Mom and Dad in it. My Mom's name is Jane and my Dad's name is Kevin. My favorite thing to do outside of school is to read because I enjoy listening to stories and reading them because you can have a whole adventure while sitting still.



Talia Regenstein

My name is Talia S. Regenstein. I was born in San Francisco, California at Kaiser Permanente Hospital, November 7, 1996. I have an older brother named Jacob, a Mom named Anne, and a Dad named John. I got my name because my parents saw a myth and the heroine was named Talia. I love swimming and sports. My favorite sport is basketball. I go to Presidio Hill School. I'm in third grade.



Troy Mock

My name is Troy Mock. I was born on March 29, 1997 in San Francisco, California. I have an eleven-year-old brother named Sean, a Dad named Scott, and a Mom named Marcia. My favorite out of school activities are going to hobby shops, building stuff, and playing games. I also like remote control things and playing video games. I also like to ride my bike.



Tucker Morris

My name is Tucker. I was born in San Francisco, California, on June 8, 1996. I live with my eleven-year-old sister Emily. She is dramatic. I also live with my really furry cat named Nellie. She is big. I also live with my Dad, Toby. He likes to build projects with me. I also have a Mom named Biz. I like to play Play Station 2 out of school and jump on my trampoline and play 14 PS2 games. I also like to go in the hot tub and go on my electric scooter.



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Colophon

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